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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT IN SUPPORT OF
PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.102(d)**

Kindly amend the above-referenced patent application as follows.

In The Claims

Please cancel claims 37-38 and 42-43. Please amend the claims as follows:

1. A method for facilitating a chat service from a web site, the web site consisting of web pages and executable program routines stored on an http server, the http server coupled via a computer network to a plurality of subscriber computers each operated by at least one of the subscribers, the method comprising: